

**VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of October 23, 2007**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair James Wilson, Trustees Samantha Baraw, Libby Hambleton, Thomas McCarney, and Richard Sutor. Also present were Village Manager Nanci Allard and Kathleen Lott (*Northfield News & Transcript*).

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Scheduled):** None.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **October 9, 2007 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Trustee Baraw abstaining.

b. **Approval of Bills**

1. **Warrant #09-08.** Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to approve Warrant #09-08 in the amount of \$153,153.65. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **REPORTS**

a. **Village Manager**

1. **Paine Mountain Arts Council Request to Lift Parking Ban.** The Council will be holding a concert at the United Church on Sunday, November 11, 2007 and asks that the parking ban on the west side of South Main Street be lifted from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to grant the request. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
2. **Series 2007-02 Refunding Bonds.** There was a refinance in the Bond, resulting in a \$49,000 reduction in the total bond payment (we've got 28 years left). Motion by Trustee Sutor, seconded by Trustee McCarney, to approve the refinance of the Series 2007-2 Refunding Bonds as sent to us from Attorney Paul Giuliani dated 10/19/07. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

b. **Committee Reports:**

1. **Merger Committee.** The Committee met last week. The plan is to speak to a variety of groups through the community and their plans for the future. They will share their findings from the past year. They will bring up the matter of a Town Charter – there are three examples to start from. They will get some ideas of the potentially controversial topics in order to address them. There was a guest; Attorney Paul Giuliani attended and gave some overviews of possible financial difficulties. There would be some special taxes for things (such as the tunnel) for Village residents. Trustee McCarney clarified that the Village would be responsible for the debts but would “relinquish” the property.

c. **Miscellaneous**

1. **Efficiency Vermont Project update:** The meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007 has been cancelled. The next meeting is in November.
2. **Water Project update.** USDA is waiting for the Village vote. If the vote passes, they'll send a letter of commitment for the \$2,600,000. We'll need to decide between either a thirty (30) or forty (40) year bond. Flyers went out in the utility bills yesterday and should be received today (10/23/07).

3. **Public Hearing (Water Project Bond Vote): November 1, 2007.** The Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Brown Public Library. It will be televised by Trans-Video for those who cannot attend. The vote itself will be on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Northfield High School Lobby.

V. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Unscheduled.** None.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Trustee Suitor, seconded by Trustee Hambleton, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.